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The Senate met at 10 a.m., on the expiration of the recess, and was called to order by the President pro tempore [Mr. THURMOND].

The PRESIDENT pro tempore. Today we have a guest Chaplain, Father Paul Lavin, pastor of St. Joseph's Catholic Church, Capitol Hill, Washington, DC.

PRAYER

The guest Chaplain, the Reverend Paul Lavin, pastor of St. Joseph's Catholic Church, Capitol Hill, Washington, DC, offered the following prayer:

Let us pray:

Almighty Father, we acknowledge Your goodness and the great gifts You have given to our Nation. Give the Members of the U.S. Senate the grace of Your wisdom and understanding to call our Nation to respond wisely to Your gifts.

With Your help may our Nation be an image of justice, a mirror of sanctity, a protector of the truth, a refuge for the oppressed, a treasure to the poor, a hope to the wretched.

Direct all our actions by Your holy inspiration and carry them on by Your gracious assistance that every work of this Senate may begin from You and with Your grace, be part of Your work to make our world a more just and decent place.

RECOGNITION OF THE ACTING MAJORITY LEADER

The PRESIDENT pro tempore. The acting majority leader is recognized.

RESERVATION OF LEADER TIME

Mr. LOTT. Mr. President, this morning the time for the two leaders has been reserved.

SCHEDULE

Mr. LOTT. Mr. President, there will now be a period for the transaction of

routine morning business not to extend beyond the hour of 1 p.m., with Senators permitted to speak for up to 5 minutes each with the following exceptions: Senator CRAIG, 1 hour; Senator DASCHLE, 30 minutes; Senator LIEBERMAN, 20 minutes; Senator GRAM of Florida, 15 minutes; and Senator GRAMS of Minnesota, 5 minutes.

For the information of my colleagues, the majority leader has announced there will be no rollcall votes during today's session. Also, I urge all my Republican colleagues to attend an important press conference this morning at 10:30 in room S-207 of the Capitol for the announcement of our newest Republican Member, Senator BEN NIGHTHORSE CAMPBELL of Colorado.

Mr. President, if I may proceed for 2 minutes at this time?

The PRESIDENT pro tempore. Without objection, it is so ordered.

NEW REPUBLICAN SENATOR BEN NIGHTHORSE CAMPBELL

Mr. LOTT. Mr. President, I am sure our distinguished majority leader will be here later this morning to officially welcome our newest Member on the Republican side of the aisle. But I want to express my appreciation for the courage of this fine Senator, my friend from Colorado, Senator BEN NIGHTHORSE CAMPBELL. This is a Senator with a long history of courage, of humble beginnings, and of having fought for the things he believed in and has risen to election by the people of the State of Colorado to serve as one of their two U.S. Senators.

Again today he shows the principle and the courage that he has exhibited throughout his life. Because of his philosophy, because of his concern for his country, and because of his inability to continue to live under the umbrella of a party that is dominated by a small sliver of liberals in their party, taxers

and spenders who won the day against the American people just yesterday, this morning he announced that he will join the Republican Party, the party that welcomes him, the party that reflects the views that he believes in of a reduced size of the Federal Government, responsibility for people at the local level, strong national defense, independence and freedom for people, and private property rights.

He will speak for himself but this announcement this morning is the loudest speech he has ever given in his life. I commend him and welcome him to our party.

I yield the floor.

MORNING BUSINESS

The PRESIDENT pro tempore. Under the previous order, there will now be a period for the transaction of morning business not to extend beyond the hour of 10 a.m., with Senators permitted to speak therein for not to exceed 5 minutes each.

Under the previous order, the Senator from Idaho [Mr. CRAIG] is recognized to speak for up to 1 hour.

NEW REPUBLICAN SENATOR BEN NIGHTHORSE CAMPBELL

Mr. CRAIG. Mr. President, the whip of our party has just made an exciting announcement, that my friend and a friend of most of ours, Senator BEN NIGHTHORSE CAMPBELL of Colorado, is today announcing that he will become a Republican.

For a good number of years I have had the privilege to work with this Senator, both in the U.S. House of Representatives and now here in the Senate, and I must tell you that he is a man of great integrity. We have worked on a variety of western issues that are common to both our States and a broad base of our constituency,

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